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SUBJECT: MINERALS QUESTIONNAIRE - CERP 4291

REF: A) STATE 2761; B) BA 3243

1. AS PROMISED IN REF B) WE ARE TRANSMITTING MISSING 1972 ARGENTINE MINERAL PRODUCTION FIGURES. DATA IS REPORTED BELOW BY PAGE NUMBER. COMPLETE FORM FOR 1972 AND REVISED FORM WITH FINAL FIGURES FOR 1971 BEING POUCHED MAY 17.

2. PAGE 1:	METRIC TONS	ARG. PESOS (000'S)
ANTIMONY ORE	351(6PERCENT SB)	456
BERILLIUM ORE	84(11PERCENT BEO)	151
COOPER ORE	7,090(16PERCENT CU)	10,386

3. PAGE 2:

IRON ORE	251,836(44PERCENT FE)	11,446
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IRON ORE FIGURES SUPERSEDES DATA PROVIDED IN REF B).

4. PAGE 3:

LEAD ORE & CONCENTRATE	59,870(63PERCENT PB)	89,158
MANGANESE ORE:	11,186(28PERCENT MN)	1,614
30 PERCENT OR MORE MN	5,901(31PERCENT MN)	885
LESS THAN 30PERCENT MN	5,285(25PERCENT MN)	730

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5. PAGE 4:

TIN ORE	4,592(12PERCENT SN)	17,469
TUNGSTEN ORE	128(69PERCENT WO3)	NA
URANIUM ORE	37,007(0.1PERCENT U3O8)	250
ZINC ORE	89,482(50PERCENT ZN)	55,818

6. PAGE 5:

ASBESTOS	908	77
BARITE	23,265	2,157
BORATES	52,438	6,280
CALCITE	3,700	147
CALCIUM CARBONATE'	64,744	2,298

7. PAGE 6:

BENTONITE	87,608	6,318
FULLER'S EARTH	479	29
KAOLIN	89,231	5,373
PLASTIC (ARCILLAS PLASTICAS)	731,570	18,153
REFRACTORY CLAY	145,156	8,035
FOUNDRY EARTH	1,300	21
OTHER (ARCILLA VARIAS)	755,547	11,625
DIATOMITE	10,767	760
DOLOMITE	216,470	5,070
FELDSPAR	64,230	2,321
AMONIA, ANHYDROUS	4,778	NA
AMONIUM SULFATE	49,631	NA
OTHER NITROGENOUS	45,765	NA
GUANO	410	144
FLUORSPAR	60,177	9,962

8. PAGE 7:

DIMENSION STONE	25,658	6,165
CRUSHED GRANITE	6,527,186	94,657
OTHER GRANITIC ROCKS	1,432	35
GRAPHITE	25	33
GYPSUM	508,044	11,385
LIMESTONE	13,000,254	155,003
LITHIUM MINERALS	49(4PERCENT LI2O)	10
DIMENSION MARBLE	20,162	7,374
ARAGONITE	629	241
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ONYX	547	410
TRAVERTINE	3,190	953
MARBLE RUBBLE	188,315	20,888
MICA:SHEET	116	NA
WASTE & SCRAP	2,094	354
OCHER	264	18
PYROPHYLLITE	8,325	718
QUARTZ	91,824	1,961

RHODOCHROSITE	135	1,341
SALT: ROCK	1,465	81
COMMON	1,003,202	31,045

9. PAGE 8:

COMMON SAND	11,610,318	113,155
GLASS SAND	167,934	3,587
GRAVEL	4,490,415	98,296
STEATITE	3,225	56
BASALT	3,744,011	62,864
FLAGSTONE	51,633	2,312
QUARTZITE	1,174,587	20,860
SANDSTONE	1,418,785	20,261
SERPENTINE	45,597	1,678
VOLCANIC	32,525	637
STRONTIUM MINERAL	1,096	84
ALUMINUM (ALUM)	12,646	6,109
IRON (MELANTERITE)	150	23
SODIUM (MIRABILITE)	19,470	2,866
SULFUR, ELEMENTAL	42,210	18,753
TALS	25,488	1,243
VERMICULITE	4,148	201

10. PAGE 9:

ZEOLITES	85	51
OTHER: CONCHILLA	52,646	1,302
HARDPAN	2,176,652	12,001
PEAT	6,431	98
RAFAELITE	1,070	304
OTHER (PUROBITUMEN)	4,492	595
COAL: BITUMINOUS	694,426	28,754

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FIGURES ABOVE FOR 1972 COAL PRODUCTION SUPERSEDES DATA
 PROVIDED IN REF B). FIGURES PROVIDED REF B) FOR 1972
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